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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR LA VM
SUBJECT: LPDR-SRV BORDER ALIGNMENT ON VIETNAMESE MAP

1. A MAP OF THE SRV PUBLISHED BY THE SRV NATIONAL
OFFICE OF SURVEYS AND MAPS 1976, SHOWS A BORDER
ALIGNMENT BETWEEN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LPDR AND SECTION OF BINH
TRI THIEN (WHICH USED TO BE QUANG TRI PROVINCE), SRV, WHICH
DIFFERS FROM ALIGNMENT DELINEATED ON ALL OTHER MAPS
AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY.

2. THE SRV MAP SHOWS THE LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER TO
FOLLOW AN IRREGULAR LINE BETWEEN ROUTE 9 AND THE 17TH
PARALLEL, EXTENDING AS FAR WESTWARD AS APPROXIMATELY
106 DEGREES 23' 45" AND ENCOMPASSING AN AREA OF SOMEWHAT MORE
THAN 300 SQUARE KILOMETERS IN WHAT HAD BEEN EASTERN
SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE AND NOW APPEARS TO BE IN WESTERN
BINH TRI THIEN PROVINCE.

3. MAP WAS OBTAINED THROUGH WESTERN DIPLOMAT TRAVELING
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THROUGH HANOI, EARLY JUNE 1977.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW IF BORDER ALIGNMENT
DESCRIBED ABOVE REPRESENTS A LONG STANDING BORDER CLAIM
BY THE DRV, NEVER RECOGNIZED BY THE GVN, OR IF THE
ALIGNMENT IS NEW. WE NOTE THAT THE SRV MAP BORDER
DELINEATION DIFFERS FROM THE LPDR-SRV BOUNDARY

REPRESENTATION DEPICTED IN "LAOS PROVINCES 1976"

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